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BFC Unveils Primary Online Biometrics Knowledge Site for DoD

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 9, 2003 – The Department of Defense (DoD) Biometrics Fusion Center (BFC) today announced that it is opening its DoD Biometrics Knowledgebase System (DBKS) to all DoD and other government personnel. The restricted web site, which will be accessible to all government users with .gov or .mil addresses, is the DoD's primary authoritative source of information on biometric Test and Evaluation methods and reports; enterprise working group progress; DoD biometrics policy and strategic direction and biometric program implementation plans and schedules.

“The DBKS is designed as a venue for the exchange of information between the DoD biometrics program community and DoD establishment at large,” said MAJ Stephen Ferrell, director of the BFC. “The BFC has been working since February to fine tune the site's technical elements, incorporate user feedback, refine BFC biometric device testing and evaluation methods for public consumption and publish the initial stages of those results.”

The DBKS (<https://www.bfc-kno.army.mil>) offers present and future capabilities of the BFC, providing biometric overviews, frequently asked questions, and tutorials for users unfamiliar with the subject. The site details the different DoD testing methods, outlining proprietary report data from BFC evaluation. Other key biometric industry contributions facilitated through the DBKS include DoD policy requirements, Common Access Card (CAC) testing, Biometrics Research (BR) as well as file sharing and calendar functionality for international, government-based biometric working groups.

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The BFC is the test and evaluation unit of the DoD Biometrics Management Office (BMO). The BMO is the central entity within the DoD responsible for leading, consolidating and coordinating the development, adoption and institutionalization of biometric technologies for combatant commands, Services and Agencies, to enhance Joint Service interoperability and warfighter operational effectiveness.